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BEGIN SUMMARY: AT 8 APRIL MEETING, NPG STAFF GROUP (SG) DISCUSSED SCHEDULING OF FURTHER PERM REPS DISCUSSION OF MODIFICATION TO U.S. STRATEGIC TARGETING POLICY. UK, FRG AND DANISH REPS SUGGESTED THAT SUBJECT COULD BE PLACED ON AGENDA OF REGULAR PRE-MINISTERIAL NPG PERM REPS MEETING NOW SCHEDULED FOR 16 MAY. SG AGREED WITH U.S. POSITION THAT, AT THIS POINT, THERE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE ENOUGH PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTATION OF SPECIAL ADM GUIDELINES TO WARRANT PREPARATION OF A PERM REPS STATUS REPORT THIS YEAR. U.S. AND OTHER SG MEMBERS AGREED ON DRAFT PERM REPS REPORT ON ROLE OF MC IN NUCLEAR CONSULTATION WHICH WOULD BE REFERRED BY NPG TO DPC. SG CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF DRAFT PERM REPS REPORT ON NPG STUDY ON WP STRATEGY AND COCTRINE, AND AGREED TO COMPLETE DISCUSSION AT NEXT MEETING ON 22 APRIL. CONFIDENTIAL

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ITALIAN REP ANNOUNCED THAT ITALY WILL OFFER TO HOST FALL NPG MINISTERIAL MEETING AND SUGGESTED DATES OF 7-8 NOVEMBER 1974. END SUMMARY.

1. AT 8 APRIL MEETING, NPG STAFF GROUP (SG) CHAIRMAN (SEIM) NOTED THAT PERM REPS HAD INDICATED INTEREST IN FURTHER DISCUSSION OF MODIFICATIONS TO U.S. STRATEGIC TARGETING POLICY (REF. (A), PARA. 23). HE SAID DISCUSSION COULD TAKE PLACE AT REGULAR PRE-MINISTERIAL NPG PERM REPS MEETING NOW SCHEDULED FOR 16 MAY, OR COULD BE SUBJECT OF SEPARATELY SCHEDULED PERM REPS MEETING. UK AND FRG REPS SAID THEY THOUGH THEIR AMBASSADORS COULD AGREE TO INCLUSION OF THIS SUBJECT ON AGENDA OF 16 MAY PERM REPS MEETING. DANISH REP AGREED, UNLESS U.S. HAD NEW INFORMATION TO PROVIDE, IN WHICH CASE HE FELT A SEPARATE MEETING ON THIS SUBJECT MIGHT BE DESIRED.

2. SG DISCUSSED QUESTION OF POSSIBLE NEED FOR PERM REPS STATUS REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF SPECIAL ADM GUIDELINES (REF. (B)). U.S. REP (WOODWORTH), DRAWING ON GUIDANCE PROVIDED IN REF. (C), SAID U.S. DID NOT BELIEVE ENOUGH PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE AT THIS POINT TO WARRANT A PERM REPS STATUS REPORT THIS YEAR, AND THUS IT DID NOT APPEAR NECESSARY TO REQUEST THE MILITARY COMMITTEE TO PROVIDE AN INPUT. SHAPE REP AGREED THAT THERE DID NOT APPEAR TO BE ANY SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS TO REPORT. OTHER SG REPS SUPPORTED U.S. POSITION, BUT BELGIAN AND FRG REPS SAID THEIR AUTHORITIES WOULD WANT A STATUS REPORT DURING THE SPRING OF 1975.

3. U.S. REP, DRAWING ON GUIDANCE PROVIDED REF. (D), SAID U.S. AGREED WITH PROCEDURE OF REFERRING NPG REPORT ON ROLE OF MILITARY COMMITTEE IN NUCLEAR CONSULTATION TO THE DPC. OTHER SG MEMBERS ALSO AGREED. IS WILL ISSUE FINAL DRAFT OF REPORT FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY PERM REPS AT THEIR 16 MAY MEETING.

4. SG CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF DRAFT PERM REPS REPORT ON THE NPG STUDY OF WARSAW PACT STRATEGY AND DOCTRINE (NPG(STAFF GROUP)WP(74)5(REVISED)--POUCHED TO STATE AND DEFENSE). SG AGREED ON MINOR EDITORIAL CHANGES. SG AGREED TO COMPLETE CONFIDENTIAL

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DISCUSSION OF THE DRAFT REPORT AT NEXT MEETING ON 22 APRIL, DRAFT IS CAST IN FORM OF AN NPG REPORT TO THE DPC AGREED TO BY WASHINGTON IN REF. (D).

5. ITALIAN REP (COL. AZZARI) SAID HIS AUTHORITIES INTEND TO OFFER TO HOST THE FALL NPG MINISTERIAL MEETING AND PROPOSED THE DATES OF 7-8 NOVEMBER. HE SAID A FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE BY ITALIAN MOD IN BERGEN.

6. ITALIAN AND DANISH REPS ASKED WHEN U.S. WOULD PROVIDE ITS PAPER ON ORGANIZATION AND CONDUCT OF THENPG STUDY ON NEW TECHNOLOGY. U.S. REP SAID U.S. WOULD CIRCULATE ITS PAPER TO MEMBERS OF THE STUDY GROUP IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

7. U.S. REP GAVE BRIEF REPORT ON 2-4 APRIL MEETING IN BONN
OF THE PHASE II STUDY TEAM. HE SAID STUDY TEAM CONTINUED
WORK ON THE PHASE II PRELIMINARY REPORT, PLANNED TO HOLD ITS
NEXT MEETING DURING THE FIRST WEEK IN JULY IN WASHINGTON, AND
HOPED TO COMPLETE WORK ON THE REPORT AT THAT TIME, AND
FORWARD IT TO NPG COUNTRIES FOR REVIEW AND SUBSEQUENT
DISCUSSION BY PERM REPS.
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